Electrification of Kota-Neemuch and Kota-Bina Line

4628. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for electrification of Kota-Neemuch and Kote-Bina railway lines has been presented to the Government for approval;

(b) if so, when and the estimated cost thereof;

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started on the said scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Due to resource constraint and relative priorities for electrification, there is, at present, no proposal to electrify Kota-Neemch and Kota-Bina Sections.

Coal Supply to Small Scale Industries in Bihar

4629. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the annual demand of coal in Bihar at present;

(b) the quantity of coal supplied to various small scale industries in Bihar during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(c) whether the small scale industries are on the verge of closure due to non-supply of coal to these industries regularly; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to resume the regular supply of coal to small scale industries there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The demand of coal is assessed under major sectors, like power, cement, steel, other industries etc., and not State-wise.

(b) The quantity of coal and hard coke supplied to small scale industries in Bihar including Brick-Kilns during last three years is as under:—

(in '000 tonnes)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Coal	4350	4162	4891
Hard Coke	48	58	66

(c) & (d) The Government have received no information that small scale industries in Bihar are on the verge of closure due to non-supply of coal regularly. In fact, Coal India Ltd. have supplied 144.35 lakh tonnes of coal to non-core sector industries all over the country including Bihar during April to July, 1991, as compared to 123.82 lakh tonnes supplied in the same period last year. The Government have issued instructions to all coal companies to supply at least 50% of the linked quantity of coal to the non-core sector industries.